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1. MAIN BODY OF IRIANESE IN PORT MORESBY IS CONSIDERED TO
BE RESPECTABLE GROUP OF SERIOUS-MINDED PEOPLE, PROFESSIONALS,
JOURNALISTS, STUDENTS, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, ETC., WHO ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELL BEING OF THEIR RELATIVES IN IRIAN
JAYA AND ALSO ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR OWN
POSITION IN PNG. THIS GROUP HAS RECEIVED OR WILL

RECEIVE PNG CITIZENSHIP. A SMALLER GROUP OF PORT MORESBY IRIANESE IS SAID TO BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING IRIANESE CAUSE AND IS SAID TO HAVE BEN WARNED BY GPNG TO SHAPE UP OR BE DEPORTED. INCLUDED IN THESE TWO GROUPS ARE SUPPORTERS OF BOTH FACTIONS OF IRIANESE MILITANTS; PRAI FACTION AND RUMKOREM FACTION. WE ARE LESS WELL INFORMED ABOUT OTHER GROUPS OF IRIANESE SCATTERED AROUND PNG, BUT BELIEVE THOSE WHICH ARE RESIDENT HERE HAVE BEEN PRETTY WELL ABSORBED INTO THE LOCAL SCENE.

2. STILL OTHER GROUPS, WHICH CROSS BORDER TO STAY BRIEFLY IN PNG, FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES: (A) TRIBAL PEOPLE CROSSING BORDER TO HUNT OR FISH IN TRADITIONAL AREAS; AND (B) ARMED GROUPS OF IRIANESE DISSIDENTS PROBABLY FLEEING FROM INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD THREE GROUPS OF PRESUMABLY UNARMED IRIANESE VILLAGERS CROSS BORDER, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF HARASSMENT OF INDONESIAN SOLDIERS. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY WILL BECOME PERMANENT RESIDENTS.

3. ALTHOUGH, AS NOTED ABOVE, ARMED BANDS OF DISSIDENTS CROSS BORDER INTO PNG FROM TIME TO TIME, ONLY TERRORIST THREAT INVOLVING IRIANESE RESIDENTS IN PNG KNOWN TO US WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL B. THIS THREAT WAS INVESTIGATED BY GPNG AND THEN DISCOUNTED. NOTHING HAS MATERIALIZED FROM THE THREAT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.

4. WE HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED CONTACT WITH LOCAL
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IRIANESE. ONE INDIRECT APPROACH WAS MADE BY IRIANESE COMMUNITY TO EMBOFF, BUT WAS REBUFFED. WE BELIEVE THE IRIANESE PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE AND WOULD LIKE TO BE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT ITS IMPACT ON PNG AND ON PNG/INDO RELATIONS. IF DEPT IS WILLING TO GIVE US LEEWAY IN DEVELOPMENT INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH LOCAL IRIANESE AT A JUNIOR LEVEL (SUCH AS GIVEN DAKAR IN REFTEL A), BELIEVE USEFUL INFORMATION COULD BE DEVELOPED.

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